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SUBJECT: US POLICY STATEMENTS ON REPATRIATES

FOR CIVIL COORDINATOR

1. ON MAY 8, THE TASK FORCE SENT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO ALL U.S. DIPLOMATIC POSTS AND U.S. REFUGEE CAMPS, QUOTE: THE FOLLOWING PROVIDES OFFICIAL USG POLICY FOR THOSE REFUGEES WHO WISH TO RETURN TO INDOCHINA, WHETHER THEY ARE IN THIRD COUNTRIES OR THE UNITED STATES. THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH THEIR EFFORT TO RETURN TO THEIR COUNTRY OF ORIGIN. ALL CASES WHICH COME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE USG WILL BE PROMPTLY REFERRED TO THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSION FOR REFUGEES WHO WILL ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR SCREENING, CARE AND MAINTENANCE IF NECESSARY, AND ONWARD TRANSPORTATION UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON EUROPEAN MIGRATION OR THROUGH OTHER MEANS IF REQUIRED... UNQUOTE. THIS STATEMENT WAS INCLUDED IN THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE CONGRESS OF JUNE 15, 1975.

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2. IN TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COM-

MITTEE ON MAY 13, 1975, AMBASSADOR L. DEAN BROWN SAID IN
REFERENCE TO THE INDOCHINESE REFUGEES, QUOTE: IF THEY

WANT TO GO BACK, THEN THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH
COMMISSION FOR REFUGEES, THEY WILL GO BACK. UNQUOTE.

3. IN TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON
IMMIGRATION, CITIZENSHIP, AND INTERNATIONAL LAW ON
MAY 22, 1975, AMBASSADOR BROWN SAID, QUOTE: ...WE HAVE
MADE VERY CONSCIOUS EFFORTS, IN LIGHT WITH THE DESIRES
OF SOME OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE HERE, TO GET
THE NEWS ACROSS TO EVERY VIETNAMESE, EITHER IN THE
UNITED STATES OR AT GUAM AND WAKE, THAT THEY ARE NOT
THERE UNDER COMPULSION, THAT THEY CAN GO BACK, THAT
THERE IS A MECHANISM BY WHICH THEY CAN GO BACK. THEY
CAN THINK IT OVER AGAIN. UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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